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CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0079

CROSS REFERENCE

TITLE (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SES, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington, DC	

VIOLATIONS: 5 U.S.C § 2302(b)(2) – Prohibited Personnel Practices

ALLEGATION: On March 8, 2018 and March 9, 2018 respectively, the Washington Field Office, Office of Investigation, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received information from two anonymous sources concerning an allegation of prohibited personnel practices by EPA management. The sources reported (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED], interfered in the hiring process of a new law enforcement applicant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]

FINDINGS: The results of the investigation showed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) involvement in the hiring of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was a result of a request (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]. In an e-mail message sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recommended (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for employment, and subsequently, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hired (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). After completing all logical investigative steps, the results of this investigation as it relates to the allegation are inconclusive. This matter was declined by the United States Attorney's Office on October 29, 2018.

DISPOSITION: No further investigative action is warranted. This investigation is hereby closed.

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